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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the document listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application.

The documents submitted herewith were cited in a Search Report (copy enclosed) issued in a European application corresponding to the above-referenced application.

German Publication <u>DE 197 24 323 A1</u>, which is cited in the European Search Report, is already of record in this application.

U.S. Patents <u>RE 36,610</u>; <u>5,720</u>, <u>174</u>; and <u>6,679,677</u> correspond to European Publications EP 0 397 051, EP 0 767 307, and EP 1 231 383.

A check in the amount of \$180 for covering the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed herewith.

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